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TAGS: CV*S: P KISTAN VISAS

SUBJ: SUSPENSION OF PAKISTAN TOURIST VISA EXEMPTION

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLACMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LAHORE IN LATE FEBRUARY, GOP WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL REPEAT**LL INCOMING FOREIGNERS HOLD VALID PAKISTAN VISAS. HENCE, THE THIRTY DAY TOURIST VISA EXEMPTION POLICY IN FORCE SINCE JULY 1973 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1974.

2. GOP MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT, FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO ANY FOREIGNERS WHO WOULD ENTER BETWEEN ABOVE MENTIONED DATES. MFA CLAIMS TO HAVE SO INFORMED ITS EMBASSIES ABORAD OF THIS REQUIREMENT.

3. IF ALL VISA APPLICATIONS HAVE, IN FACT, TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRE-CLEARED BY INTERIOR MINISTRY, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES

APPRECIABLE DELAYS IN VISA ISSUANCE, RECOMMENDS THAT ANY AMCITS PLANNING TO VISIT PAKISTAN DURING ABOVEMENTIONEDS PERIOD APPLY FOR VISAS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS MAY NOT LEARN OF CHANGE IN TOURIST VISA EXEMPTION POLICY IN ADVANCE OF DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION. HENCE MAY CARRY VISA LESS AMCISTS HERE WHO MIGHT THEN BE DENIED ENTRY.

4. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY LOCAL OFFICES OF PAN AMERICAN AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES OF ABOVEMENTIONED CHANGES, REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEES ALS INFORM ANY CONCERNED PARTIES.
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